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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY REQUEST TO RTG TO AIRLIFT SUPPLIES TO

SOVIET EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE

- 1. BANGKOK POST DEC 23 REPORTS THAT RTG MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHATCHAI STATED DEC 22 THAT HE HAS AGREED TO PERMIT SOVIETS TO AIRLIFT FUEL OIL AND OTHER COMMODITIES TO LAOS FOR USE BY ITS EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE. HOWEVER, CHATCHAI SAID THAT AIRLIFT MAY BEGIN QTE WHEN THE BORDER IS REOPENED. END QTE
- 2. ASKED WHEN BORDER WOULD BE REOPENDED, CHATCHAI SAID, QTE WHEN THAI AND LAOTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE MET TO DISIUSS VARIOUS PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE CONTINUED INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM LAOS, THE SMUGGLING OF ARMS INTO OUR COUNTRY, AND THE SMUGGLING OF THAI COMMODITIES INTO LAOS. END QTE
- 3. POST OF DEC 23 ALOS QUOTED LAOTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUNE IPRASEUTH ON DEC 22 AS STATING THAT LAOS WOULD NOT RPT NOT NEGOTIATE UNDER PRESSURE TO REOPEN ITS BORDER WITH THAILAND.

HE SAID, QTE IT DEPENDS ON THE THAI SIDE TO DECIDE WHEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND HOW THEY WILL REOPEN THE BORDER. LAOS WANTS TO TALK

BUT NOT UNDER PRESSURE. END QTE.

4. COMMENT: THAI QTE AGREEMENT END QTE TO SOVIET AIR-LIFT IS NO REPT NO AGREEMENT AT ALL. IN VIEW OF CONFLICTING THAI AND LAOTIAN STATEMENTS, THE DEADLOCK ON OPENING THE BORDER SEEMS TO BE COMPLETE, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.

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